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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the following areas will be open to purse seining during the times and in the areas listed below:

##### District 1

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m., Thursday, August 2, through 8:00 p.m., Friday, August 3, 2012:**

Section 1-F: will be open **south of the northernmost tip of Cone Point located at 55°14.91' N. latitude** with the following restrictions:

Boca de Quadra: will be closed east of a line from Quadra Point to Kah Shakes Point;

Nichols Passage: will be closed north of the latitude of the southernmost tip of Dall Head.

##### District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m., Thursday, August 2, through 8:00 p.m., Friday, August 3, 2012:**

District 2: will be open **south of the latitude of High Island Light** with the following restrictions:

Cholmondeley Sound and contiguous waters: all waters will be closed south of a line from the northernmost tip of Chasina Point to Skin Island Light to the northernmost tip of Clover Point;

Kasaan Bay, Skowl Arm, Twelve Mile Arm, and contiguous waters: all waters will be closed;

Moir Sound: will be closed west of the easternmost entrance of Menefee Anchorage located at 132°00.35' W. longitude.

District 3

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m., Thursday, August 2, through 8:00 p.m., Friday, August 3, 2012:**

Section 3-A: will be open **south of the northernmost tip of Webster Point located at 54°58.28' N. latitude** with the following restrictions:

**Dall Island Shore: will be closed west of a line from the southernmost tip of Reef Point to Shoe Island Light to Datzkoo Point;**

**Klakas Inlet, Hunter Bay, and contiguous waters:** will be closed in all waters north and east of a line running from a point near Ruth Cutoff located at 54°54.40' N. latitude, 132°24.77' W. longitude, to the southernmost tip of Klakas Island, to a point at 54°49.68' N. latitude, 132°20.50' W. longitude (located approximately one-half nautical mile east of Guide Rock);

**Kassa Inlet: will be closed east of the longitude of Kassa Point.**

Section 3-B: will be open west of a line from Cape Lynch to the northernmost tip of Point Animas to the southernmost tip of Point Arboleda.

District 4

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m., Thursday, August 2, through 8:00 p.m., Friday, August 3, 2012:**

District 4: will be open.

District 7

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, August 2, 2012:**

Section 7-B: will be open north of a line from Ernest Point to **Union Point.**

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday, August 3, 2012:**

Section 7-B: **will be open.**

District 10

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday, August 3, 2012:

District 10: will be open within three nautical miles of the Admiralty Island Shoreline with the following restrictions:

**Gambier Bay:** will be closed north of the latitude of Gambier Island Light with all waters of Snug Cove closed;

**Pybus Bay:** will be closed **north of a line from the southernmost tip of Elliot Island to Point Pybus.**

District 12

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m., Thursday, August 2, through 8:00 p.m., Friday, August 3, 2012:**

Section 12-A: will be open in the following area:

Point Augusta: **will be closed.**

Hidden Falls THA: will be open in the waters of Chatham Strait within **one-half nautical mile of the Baranof Island shoreline south of 57°16.28' N. latitude (South Point) and north of 57°06.76' N. latitude** with the following restriction:

Kasnyku Bay: will be closed west of a line from a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°13.18' N. latitude, 134°51.88' W. longitude to 57°13.00' N. latitude, 134°51.93' W. longitude to the northernmost point of an unnamed island at 57°12.91' N. latitude, 134°51.50' W. longitude, then due south to the Baranof Island shoreline.

### District 13

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m., Thursday, August 2, through 8:00 p.m., Friday, August 3, 2012:**

Section 13-A: will be open in the following areas:

Portlock Harbor, Ogden Passage, Smooth Channel, Black Bay, Khaz Bay, Lake Anna, Sisters Lake and Slocum Arm: will be open east of a line from Khaz Point to Ninefoot Shoal Light to the southernmost tip of Herbert Graves Island to Point Hogan to the light located on the southern tip of Hill Island and then due north to the Chichagof Island shoreline with the following restrictions:

Black Bay: will be closed **east of 136°08.37' W. longitude;**

Klag Bay: will be closed north of Rose Point;

Ford Arm: will be closed north and east of a line from Trap Point to a point on the Chichagof Island shoreline at 57°32.86' N. latitude, 136°00.13' W. longitude;

Slocum Arm: **will be closed east of 135°56.26' W. longitude.**

Salisbury Sound and Peril Strait: will be open east of the longitude of Kalinin Point and south of the latitude of Suloia Point Light with the following restrictions:

Fish Bay: will be closed east of 135°34.12' W. longitude;

St. John Baptist Bay: will be closed east of the longitude of Zeal Point;

Sukoi Inlet: will be closed south of a line from Hayward Point to Sukoi Point.

**Lisianski Inlet and Lisianski Strait: will be open south of a line from the northernmost tip of Soapstone Point to the westernmost tip of Column Point** and in Lisianski Strait north of the latitude of Point Theodore with the following restrictions:

Lisianski Inlet: **normal markers;**

Stag Bay: will be closed east of 136°21.41' W. longitude.

Section 13-B: will be open in the following areas:

Sitka Sound and contiguous waters: will be open north of a line from Inner Point on the Kruzof Island shoreline at 57°05.50' N. latitude, 135°34.28' W. longitude to Makhnati Rock Light to Surf Rock to Simpson Rock Light to Tsaritsa Rock Light to Silver Point with the following restrictions:

Silver Bay: will be closed east of a line from Entry Point Light to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°01.58' N. latitude, 135°14.58' W. longitude;

Camp Coogan Bay: will be closed east of 135°14.78' W. longitude;

Crescent Bay: will be closed in all waters of Crescent Bay enclosed by a line from the east end of the John O'Connell Bridge to the Twins Light to the southernmost tip of Cannon Island;

Starrigavin Bay: will be closed east of a line from Harbor Point to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°08.50' N. latitude, 135°22.63' W. longitude;

Olga Strait: will be closed north of 57°11.00' N. latitude and south of the latitude of Creek Point;

**West Crawfish Inlet and Shamrock Bay: will be open east of 135°16.00' W. longitude and south of 56°50.00' N. latitude.**

**Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions: for the Kendrick Bay THA and fishing areas open outside of Terminal Harvest Areas, Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length may NOT be retained and sold.** Chinook salmon greater than 21 inches and less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. Chinook salmon 21 inches or less may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Hidden Falls, Anita Bay, and Neets Bay THAs may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained, must be reported on fish tickets, and may be sold.

Escapements and harvests indicate strong returns in some areas of Southeast Alaska prompting area managers to announce fishing for 39 hours beginning on August 2. Weather throughout southern southeast has delayed the most recent stream surveys so the department will be considering the 2 day on 2 day off schedule on Saturday, August 4, prior to the next scheduled news release announcement.

The Hidden Falls area chum salmon tax assessment will not be in effect after July 31, 2012.

The next seine announcement will be issued on **Saturday, August 4, 2012.**

Copies of the "2012 Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan" may be obtained at department area offices listed below and can be downloaded on the department's website at:  
[http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon\\_managementplans](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans).

The Emergency Order corresponding with this news release is EO 1S5512.

**Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates**  
**Statistical Week 31**  
**Preliminary Estimates compiled July 31, 2012**

Area	NUMBERS OF SALMON						Boats
	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	
District 1	-	1,800	2,000	300,000	32,000	335,800	43
District 2	-	2,500	1,600	150,000	35,000	189,100	27
District 4	-	2,500	8,000	180,000	11,000	201,500	27
Section 7-B	-	150	100	50,000	10,000	60,250	12
Section 13-A	-	400	900	152,000	7,000	160,300	18
Section 13-B	-	10	10	72,000	1,200	73,220	15
Hidden Falls THA	90	80	80	9,000	53,000	62,250	16
Point Augusta	-	450	160	39,000	2,200	41,810	7
	90	7,890	12,850	952,000	151,400	1,124,230	165

Area	FISH PER BOAT					
	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	-	42	47	6,977	744	7,809
District 2	-	93	59	5,556	1,296	7,004
District 4	-	93	296	6,667	407	7,463
Section 7-B	-	13	8	4,167	833	5,021
Section 13-A	-	22	50	8,444	389	8,906
Section 13-B	-	1	1	4,800	80	4,881
Hidden Falls THA	6	5	5	563	3,313	3,891
Point Augusta	-	64	23	5,571	314	5,973

District 3: confidential.

District 10: confidential.

Anita Bay THA: 185,000 chums and 5,300 kings harvested to date.

Kendrick Bay THA: 190,000 chums harvested to date.

Neets Bay THA: 100,000 chums harvested on July 29 by 20 boats.

Point Augusta: Stat Week 31 index area pink salmon harvest was 69% of the 10-year average.

News releases web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

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